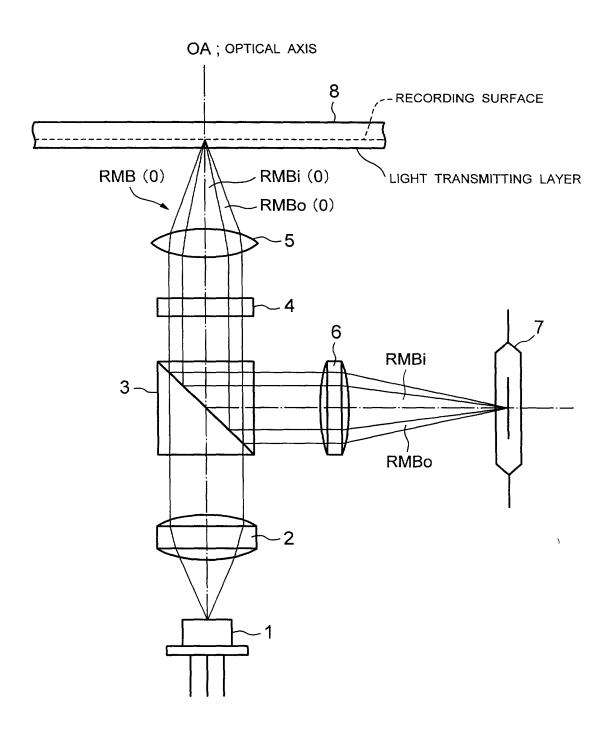
FIG. 1



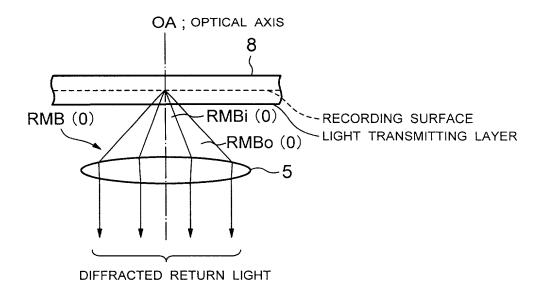
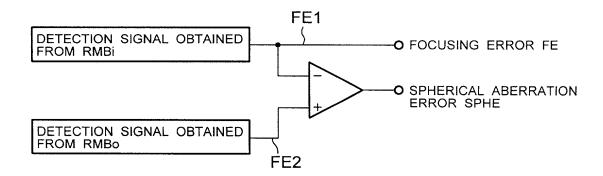
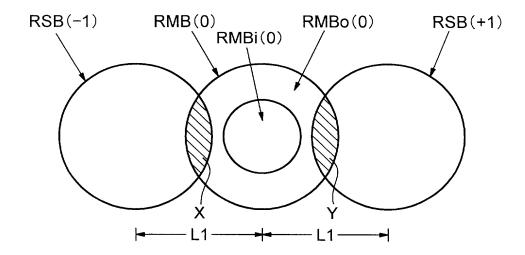


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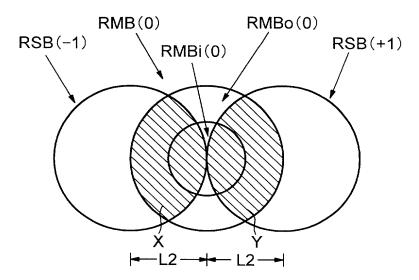


POSITIONAL RELATION BETWEEN THE 0-TH ORDER LIGHT AND THE ± 1 PRIMARY DIFFRACTED LIGHT WHEN THE NUMERICAL APERTURE NA IS SMALL IN THE IN-FOCUS STATE OR WHEN THE TRACK PITCH TP IS SMALL IN THE IN-FOCUS STATE. RMB(0):0-TH ORDER LIGHT, RMBi(0):INNER RADIUS LIGHT,

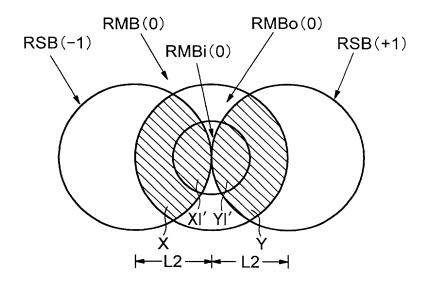
RMB(0):0-TH ORDER LIGHT, RMBi(0):INNER RADIUS LIGHT, RMBo(0):OUTER RADIUS LIGHT, RSB(-1):-1 PRIMARY DIFFRACTED LIGHT,

RSB(+1):+1 PRIMARY DIFFRACTED LIGHT

FIG. 5



POSITIONAL RELATION BETWEEN THE 0-TH ORDER LIGHT AND THE ± 1 PRIMARY DIFFRACTED LIGHT IN A CASE WHERE THE NUMERICAL APERTURE NA IS LARGE IN THE IN-FOCUS STATE OR IN A CASE WHERE THE TRACK PITCH TP IS LARGE IN THE IN-FOCUS STATE.



POSITIONAL RELATION BETWEEN THE 0-TH ORDER LIGHT AND THE ±1 PRIMARY DIFFRACTED LIGHT WHEN THE NUMERICAL APERTURE NA IS LARGE AND IN THE DEFOCUSING STATE, OR WHEN THE TRACK PITCH TP IS LARGE AND IN THE DEFOCUSING STATE.

FIG. 7

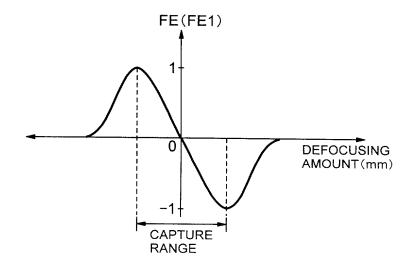


FIG. 8

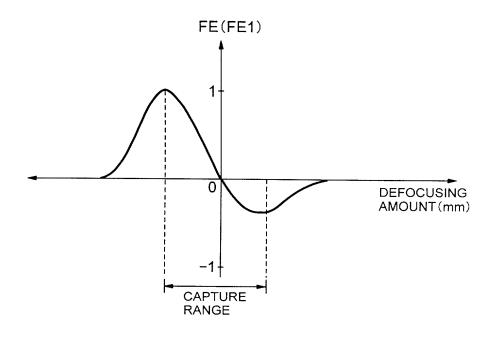


FIG. 9

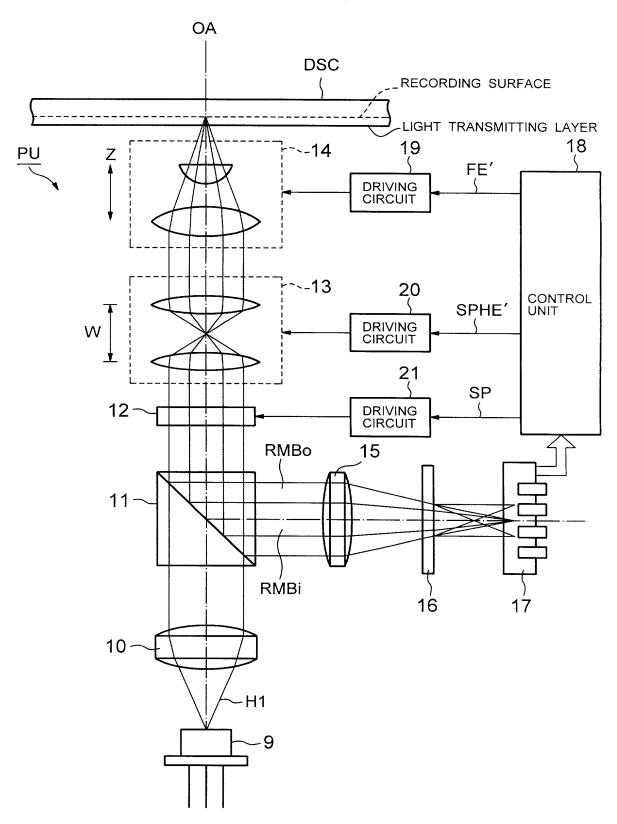


FIG. 10

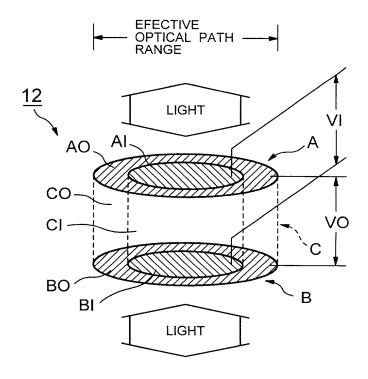


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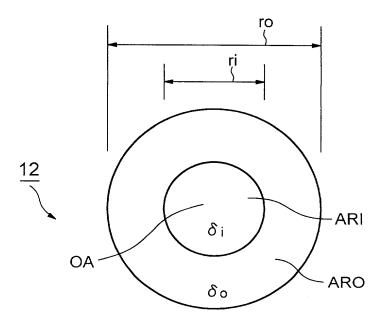


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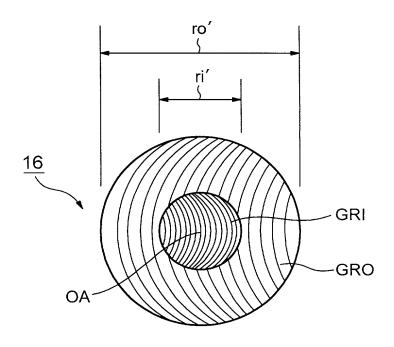


FIG. 13

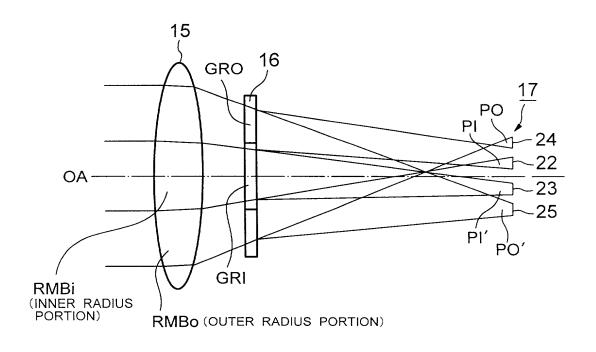
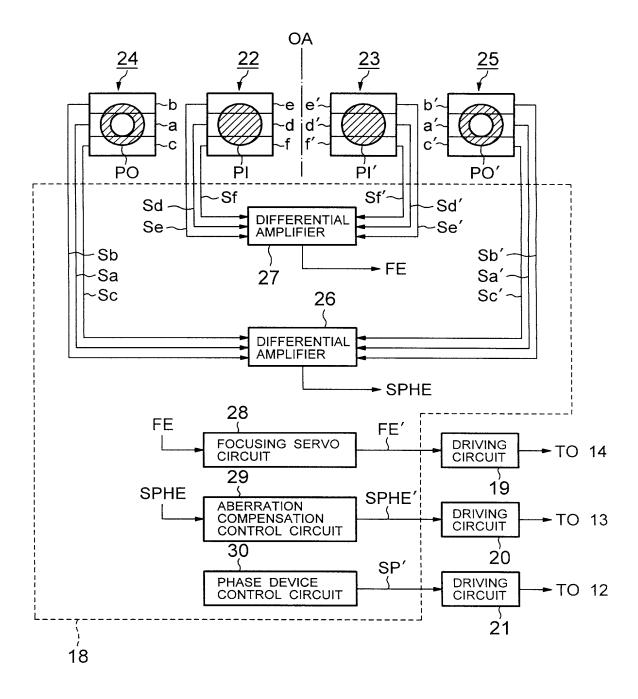


FIG. 14



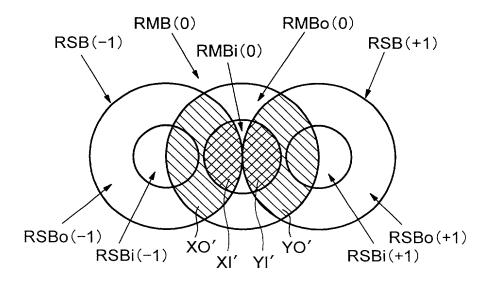


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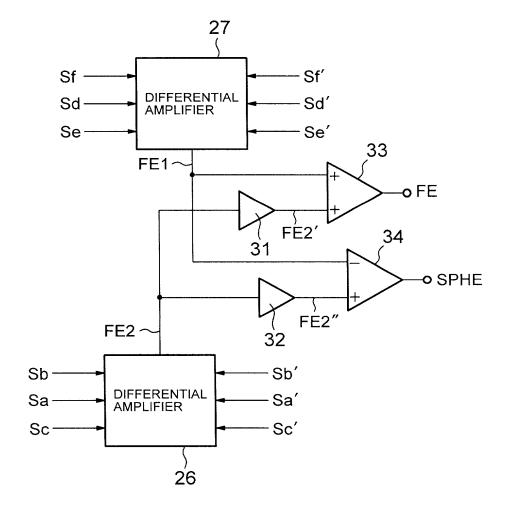


FIG. 17

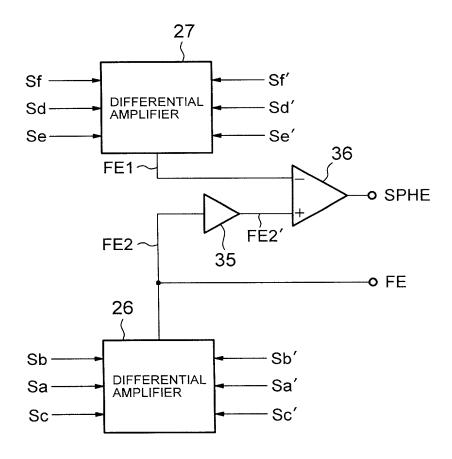


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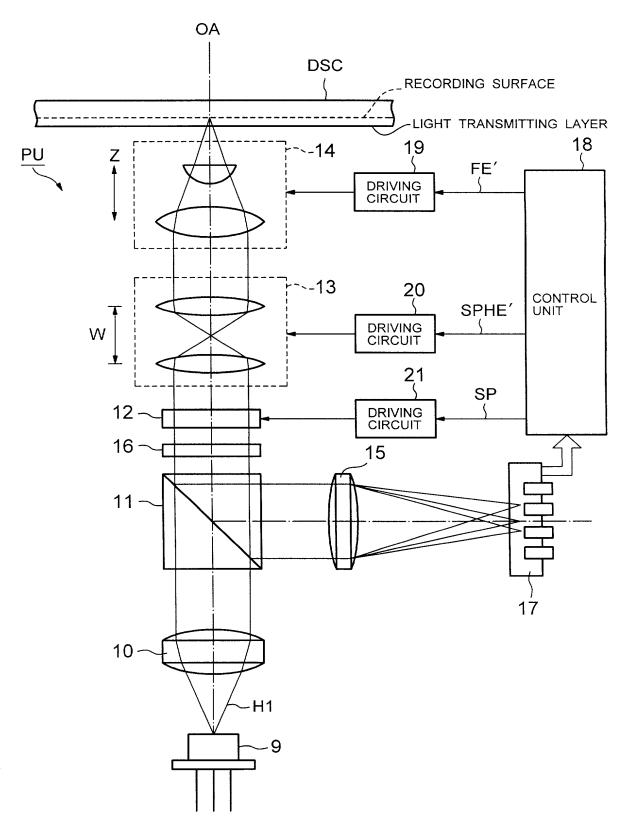


FIG. 19

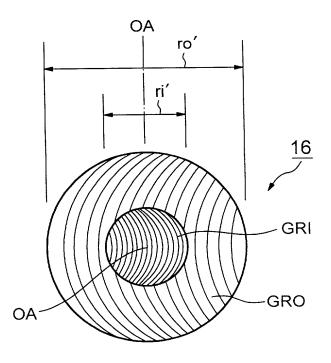


FIG. 20

